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April 4, 1981

Dear Len:

Thank you for bringing to my attention your concern over the detention of Dr. Emilio Mignone and five lawyers affiliated with the Center for Legal and Social Studies in Argentina.

Dr. Mignone and his colleagues were released on March 6. While I understand that the investigation of CELS is still continuing, we are hopeful that charges against the individuals themselves will not be pursued and that the entire matter will be dropped.

As you know, we have decided to pursue our human rights objectives in a quieter, less public manner. I believe that our contacts with the Argentine Government here and in Buenos Aires contributed to the early release of the CELS group and I am hopeful that this approach will also prove effective in the future.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.

The Honorable
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